

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A double-walled gift box apparatus comprising a base box and cover each formed as a double-walled ~~trays~~ tray, at least one tray having walls and a stiffening sheet secured ~~to the tray, the~~ thereto, said at least one tray being formed from a tray forming sheet ~~having~~ comprising a main panel with peripheral edges ~~and~~ , said tray forming sheet further comprising side panels and end panels extending from ~~the~~ said peripheral edges of the main panel for forming the walls of ~~the~~ said at least one tray, wherein

~~the~~ said stiffening sheet ~~having~~ comprises a central panel and sides connected to the central panel, the central panel being positioned in contact and aligned with the main panel of the tray forming sheet, the sides of the stiffening sheet being in contact and aligned with the side panels of the tray forming sheet, and wherein

the side panels and end panels of the tray forming sheet ~~having~~ have folds spaced from and parallel to the peripheral edges of the main panel ~~and~~ , said folds forming inner side panels and outer side panels and inner end panels and outer end panels, the outer end panels being folded and adhered to the inner end panels in portion position, and the outer side panels being folded over and adhered to the sides of the stiffening sheet for securing the stiffening sheet to ~~the~~ said at least one tray, and

said apparatus further comprises creased gussets connecting the inner side panels and the inner end panels of said tray forming sheet, wherein said gussets, when folded, are tucked into spaces between the outer and inner end panels of said tray forming sheet.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stiffening sheet further has ends hinged to the ~~main~~ central panel and wherein the outer end panels of said tray forming sheet are folded over and adhered to ~~inner surfaces of~~ the ends of the stiffening sheet.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein both the cover and base box have stiffening sheets.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, ~~further comprising creased gussets connecting the inner side panels and the inner end panels; when folded, the gussets being tucked into spaces between the outer and inner end panels, and being~~ wherein said creased gussets are locked in place by adhesive applied to inward facing surfaces of the outer end panels.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the outer side and outer end panels have strips of adhesive applied to ~~their~~ inner surfaces thereof prior to folding the outer end panels on the inner end panels, the strips of adhesive on the inner surfaces of the outer side panels contacting and adhering to inner surfaces of the sides of the stiffening sheet.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the base box and cover are formed as a double-walled tray having walls and a stiffening sheet secured thereto, wherein the tray is formed from a tray forming sheet comprising a main panel with peripheral edges and further comprising side panels and end panels extending from the peripheral edges of the main panel for forming the walls of the tray, and wherein the side and end panels of the base and cover are equal in length, forming a square box.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the base box and cover are formed as a double-walled tray having walls and a stiffening sheet secured thereto, wherein the tray is formed from a tray forming sheet comprising a main panel with peripheral

edges and further comprising side panels and end panels extending from the peripheral edges of the main panel for forming the walls of the tray, and wherein the main, side and end panels of the base and cover form a rectangular box.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A fabrication method for a double-walled gift box comprising forming a base box and cover as double-walled trays, forming at least one tray with walls, providing a stiffening sheet with sides ~~on the tray~~, forming the at least one tray from a tray forming sheet having a main panel with peripheral edges, said tray forming sheet further comprising and side panels and end panels extending from the peripheral edges of the main panel, said side panels and end panels of the tray forming sheet having folds spaced from and parallel to the peripheral edges of the main panel, said folds forming inner side panels and outer side panels and inner end panels and outer end panels, said tray forming sheet further comprising creased gussets connecting the inner side panels and inner end panels, wherein said gussets, when folded, are tucked into spaces between the outer and inner end panels of said tray forming sheet, and forming the walls of the at least one tray by adhering the outer side panels of the tray forming sheet to the sides of the stiffening sheet, and by folding inward and adhering the outer halves of the end panels of the tray forming sheet to the inner end panels.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The method of claim 8, further comprising providing the stiffening sheet with creased ends and folding the creased ends between outer and inner ~~halves of the end panels of the tray forming sheet~~ and adhering the outer ~~halves of the end panels~~ to inner surfaces of the creased ends of the stiffening sheet.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The method of claim 8, wherein the securing of the stiffening sheet comprises hinging the sides to ~~the~~ a central panel, positioning the central panel in contact and aligned with the main panel, ~~aligning the central panel with the main panel~~ of the tray-

forming sheet, while folding and contacting the sides of the stiffening sheet with the inner side panel panels of the tray forming sheet, and aligning the end edges of the stiffening sheet with the inner end panels of the tray forming sheet.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A double-walled gift box apparatus comprising a base box formed as a double-walled tray, the tray having walls and a stiffening sheet secured to the tray, the tray being formed from a tray forming sheet having a main panel with peripheral edges and having side panels and end panels extending from the peripheral edges of the main panel for forming the walls of the tray,

the stiffening sheet having a central panel and sides connected to the central panel, the central panel being positioned in contact and aligned with the main panel of the tray forming sheet, the sides of the stiffening sheet being in contact and aligned with the side panels of the tray forming sheet,

the side panels and end panels of the tray forming sheet having folds spaced from and parallel to the peripheral edges of the main panel, said folds ~~and~~ forming inner side panels and outer side panels and inner end panels and outer end panels, the outer end panels being folded inward and adhered to the inner end panels, and the outer side panels being folded over and adhered to the sides of the stiffening sheet for securing the stiffening sheet to the tray,

the apparatus further comprising creased gussets connecting the inner side panels and inner end panels of the tray forming sheet, wherein said gussets, when folded, are tucked into spaces between the outer and inner end panels of the tray forming sheet.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the stiffening sheet further has ends hinged to the main panel and wherein the outer end panels of the tray forming sheet

are folded over and adhered to inner surfaces of the ends of the stiffening sheet.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 12, ~~further comprising wherein said~~ creased gussets ~~connecting the inner side panels and the inner end panels; when folded, the~~ ~~gussets being tucked into spaces between the outer and inner end panels, and being~~ are locked in place by adhesive applied to inward facing surfaces of the outer end panels.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the outer side and outer end panels have strips of adhesive applied to inner surfaces thereof prior to folding the outer end panels on the inner end panels, the strips of adhesive on the inner surfaces of the outer side panels contacting and adhering to inner surfaces of the sides of the stiffening sheet.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the side and end panels of the tray forming sheet are equal in length, forming a square box.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the main, side and end panels of the ~~base and cover~~ tray forming sheet form a rectangular box.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A fabrication method for a double-walled gift box comprising forming a box as a double-walled tray, providing a stiffening sheet with sides ~~on the tray~~, forming the tray from a tray forming sheet having a main panel with peripheral edges and having side panels and end panels extending from the peripheral edges of the main panel, said tray forming sheet further comprising creased gussets connecting the side panels and end panels, wherein said gussets, when folded, are tucked into spaces between the outer and inner halves of the end panels of the tray forming sheet, and forming the walls of the tray by adhering the side panels of the tray forming sheet to the sides of the stiffening sheet and folding inward and adhering outer halves of the end panels of the tray forming sheet to inner halves of said end panels.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The method of claim ~~13~~ 18, wherein the securing of the stiffening sheet comprises ~~bringing~~ hinging the sides to ~~the~~ a central panel, positioning the central panel in contact and aligned with the main panel, ~~aligning the central panel with the main panel~~ of the tray-forming sheet, while folding and contacting the sides of the stiffening sheet with the side ~~panel~~ panels of the tray forming sheet, and aligning the end edges of the stiffening sheet with the end panels of the tray forming sheet.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The method of claim 18, further comprising providing the stiffening sheet with creased ends and folding the creased ends between outer and inner halves of the end panels of the tray forming sheet and adhering the outer halves of the end panels to inner surfaces of the creased ends of the stiffening sheet.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The method of claim 18, wherein the forming of the tray further comprises forming the side panels and end panels of the tray ~~with a~~ forming sheet having with folds spaced from and parallel to the peripheral edges of the main panel, the folds forming inner side panels and outer side panels and inner end panels and outer end panels, folding and adhering the outer end panels ~~on~~ to the inner end panels, and folding the outer side panels over the sides of the stiffening sheet and adhering the outer side panels to the sides of the stiffening sheet for securing the stiffening sheet to the tray.